

Joseph Merrick – Eastham Land Records 1650-1745

Joseph Merrick was born in Eastham in 1662. He was the son of William and Rebecca. Joseph married Elizabeth Howes of Yarmouth in 1684. They lived in Eastham and had several children. Joseph died in 1737 at age seventy-five. He appears in most of the land records as Ensign Joseph Merrick. Descendants often spelled the family name as Myrick.

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Granted to Joseph Merrick, Joseph Merrick Jr., Joseph Doane Esq., Joshua Hopkins and Samuel Mayo Sr. the eighteenth lot out of twenty-four lots laid out on Great Island at Billingsgate. Bounds were indicated by stakes. The dimensions given in the record were not complete but probably the lot was about six or seven acres like most of the other lots on Great Island. PDF T89.

Granted to Joseph Merrick Sr. and his heirs about six acres for his wood lot on the northerly side of Second Brook next to his other land. Bounds were indicated by marked trees. PDF T117.

Granted to Ensign Joseph Merrick and his heirs three parcels of land amounting to about four acres. One and one-quarter acres were at Rock Harbor next to meadow of William Merrick. One and one-half acres were on the southerly side of the way to Rock Harbor and next to the swamp. One and one-quarter acres were between the way to Major Freeman's and the way to Rock Harbor. Bound were indicated by stones and marked trees. PDF T149.

Granted to Ensign Joseph Merrick and his heirs two parcels of land totaling about four acres. One parcel was three-quarters acre at Rock Harbor Neck on the northerly side of his other land. The other parcel of three and one-quarter acres also at Rock Harbor Neck on the southeasterly side of John Paine's meadow. Bounds were indicated by marked trees. PDF T149.

Granted to Ensigns Joseph Merrick and his heirs about six acres for his wood lot. The lot was northward of Second Brook and north of John Mulford's wood lot. Bounds were indicated by marked trees. PDF T150.

Granted to Ensign Joseph Merrick and his heirs all the land between his two lots near his dwelling house. A way with gates was required for persons with carts to pass to and from the waterside. Acreage or dimensions were not given in the record but probably the grant was at least two acres. PDF T150.

Granted to Ensign Joseph Merrick and his heirs land at Rock Harbor Neck formerly laid out to Daniel Smith and his son Nathaniel. The grant was about fifteen acres. Bounds were indicated by stones. PDF T224.

Granted to Ensign Joseph Merrick and his heirs a wood lot next to the lot of Thomas Mayo on the east side of the way to Billingsgate. The lot ran north sixteen pole and due east to the Backside Sea. Most of these wood lots ran east about one mile which would make this wood lot about thirty-two acres. Bounds were indicated by stakes and marked trees. PDF T263.

The land owned by Joseph Merrick and his heirs described in these records amounts to about sixty-five acres. By 1745 five more Merricks received Eastham land grants.